St. Louis, 26 Januar 1889.

Dear Sir,

I had to pick some of Vitis Riparia and cordifolia out again, to be able to see them.

Vitis cordifolia

Leaves wide, mostly undivided or slightly three-lobed, cordate with a deep narrow or wider, but always sharp sinus, margined with conspicuous, rather large irregular teeth, ~~Petiol~~ mostly longer pedicelled, than the leaves in Riparia. Flowers in large, usually loose clusters, blooming in the last half of May; berris small and larger, black and shining with a peculiarly disagreable and strong flavor but mostly without a bloom. Them few, where the berris has a bloom may be crossings between V. cordifolia × V. aestivalis. 3–4, rather large seeds. Branchlets indistinctly angular dark red or gray-white.

Vitis Riparia.

Leaves not so wide than in cordifolia, most always more or less three-lobed, with a wide rounded or even truncate sinus, margined with large, sharp-pointed teeth especially the lobes. The bunches are mostly small and compact, berris small, black with a bloom, sweet and very juicy, seeds 2–4, very small the bunches most short pedicelled. Blooming in the first half of May, ripening very early; Ripe (dry ~~nearly~~) when Vitis rubra ~~palmata~~ Michx is blooming, ~~some~~ about beginning of July. The branchlets

are rounded, not angled, dark ~~roth gelb~~ red or gray white.

I think, that are the most charakteristic differences betweeen the two.

Hope to be able to kum soon up to Your laboratory.

Very respectfully

Yours

Henry Eggert.